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Monopoly, &c. Fire-Wood and Bark.

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hereby are permitted to export the same out of this State ; any Thing in this Act, or the Act aforesaid, to the contrary notwithstanding.

*Provided*, Such Person or Persons, shall obtain a Permit from any of the Persons in the respective Counties in this State appointed to give Certificates, who are hereby authorized to grant such Permits, upon being properly certified that such Person or Persons have made Oath before some Magistrate of this State, that such Articles were by him or them imported into this State since the First Day of August last ; and that he was not at the Time of such Importation, nor is now an Inhabitant of this State.

*Provided*, That nothing in this Act, or that to which this is in Addition, shall be construed to extend to such Persons as are or may be removing with his, her, or their Families and Effects, to any Place without the Limits of this State, such Person so removing, producing a Certificate from any of the Persons in the respective Counties appointed by this Court to grant Certificates that such is the Case.

[The foregoing Act passed October the 6th, 1779]

C H A P. IV.

An Act to continue in Force an Act, intituled, "An Act against Monopoly and Forestalling, which Act is near expiring.

**W**HEREAS the aforesaid Act hath been found by Experience to be useful and beneficial :

Preamble.

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the beforementioned Act, be continued with all and every Clause, Matter and Thing therein contained ; and shall be in Force until the First Day of July One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty, and from thence to the End of the next Session of the General Court, and no longer.

Monopoly Act continued to the first July, 1780.

[The foregoing Act passed October 6th, 1779]

C H A P. V.

An Act to prevent Impositions on the Inhabitants of any Town within this State in the Sale of Fire-Wood and Bark in any of said Towns.

**W**HEREAS great Frauds are committed by the Sale of Fire-Wood and Bark brought into said Towns, by Reason of such Loads not being measured before Sale :

Preamble.

For Remedy thereof, and for preventing the like Frauds and Abuses for the future ;

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court

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Fire-Wood and Bark.

No Wood to be sold after the 14<sup>th</sup> October Instant without being first measured.

Forfeitures how to be disposed.

Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same. That all Fire-Wood or Bark that shall, after the Fourteenth Day of October Instant, be brought in to any Town within this State that hath appointed Measurers of Fire-Wood or Bark in the Manner hereafter mentioned, and said Fire-Wood or Bark offered for Sale before the same be first measured, and a Ticket taken by the Driver of the Wood or Bark, of the Person or Persons who shall be appointed to measure the same, as is hereafter provided, certifying the Quantity of Wood such Load contains, also the Name of the Driver, and the Town in which he resides; which Ticket shall be delivered the Driver by the Measurer; such Wood or Bark shall be forfeited, two third Parts thereof to the Use of the Poor of the Town where such Wood or Bark is offered for Sale, and the other third Part thereof to the Measurer or Measurers of Wood, or any other Person who shall prosecute for the same: The Forfeitures arising on the Breach of this Act, may be recovered by Bill, Plaint, or Information, before any Justice of the Peace for and within the County where the Offence shall be committed, or any Court of Record proper to try the same.

Selectmen authorized to appoint Measurers of Wood or Bark.

Measurers to be sworn.

Fees allowed.

Limitation.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Selectmen of any Town within this State, may, upon Application of Five or more Inhabitants of the Town, nominate and appoint one or more meet Person or Persons to be Measurers of Wood and Bark, thus brought in for Sale, or offered to Sale, in any of the Towns aforesaid; who shall be stationed in such Parts of the respective Towns as the Selectmen of said Towns shall think will be most convenient; and the Selectmen of the respective Towns shall give public Notice of the same. Which Measurer or Measurers shall be sworn to the faithful and diligent Discharge of their Office, and shall receive such Fees or Allowance for their Service, as the Selectmen of the several Towns shall from Time to Time judge reasonable. Said Fees or Allowance to be paid by the Driver, and repaid to him by the Purchaser.

This Act to be in Force for three Years from and after the Fourteenth Day of October Instant, and to the End of the then next Sitting of the General Court, and no longer.

[The foregoing Act passed October 8, 1779]

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